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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane,

Lombard Street, George Street, 30,

Cornhill, GIBSON & GOTCH, Ludgate

Circus, E. C. BATES, HENRY & CO.,

4, Old Bailey, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON &

CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street,

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROME,

19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nar-

rau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW

ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Mel-

bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports

generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Fran-

cisco and Straits.—SAYLE &

CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZEN

& CO., Manila.

CHINA.—SOUTON, CAMPBELL & CO.

AMOY, WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO.

FOOCHOW, HEDGES & CO., Shanghai.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY

& WALSH, Yokohama. LANE, CRAW-

FORD & CO.,

## BANK.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 6,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SAISON, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.

E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. Hob. W. KERWICK,

H. L. DALYTHORPE, Esq.

WILHELM KRINERS, Esq.

H. HOPFUS, Esq.

## Auctions.

### FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have been instructed by Lieut.-Col. SHERVINTON, A.O.C., to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence "Craigsleach,"

### MONDAY,

the 18th February, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m.

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Drawing-room Chairs, Couches, Mirrors, Side Tables, Pictures, Whinneys, Lamps, &c. Dining Table and Chairs, Sideboards, Crockery, Glass-ware and Electro-plated Ware, &c. Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Toilet Glasses, Dressing Tables, Washstands, &c., &c.

Also, A Semi-grand PIANO, by COLLARD and COLLARD.

A collection of Choice Plants in Pots, Ladies and Gentlemen's Sedan Chairs, A Dog Cart, with Hickory Wheels, Lamps, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 9, 1878. fe18

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

### TUESDAY,

the 19th February, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

An Invoice of CHINESE and JAPANESE WARE, comprising: Bronzes, Porcelain Vases and Cups, Tea Sets, Ornaments, Lacquered Cabinets, Boxes, Plates and Stands, Tortoise-shell Ware, Ivory Inlaid Cabinets, Inlaid Handkerchief Boxes, &c.

Assorted Silk Handkerchiefs, Embroidered Caps and Cushions, Orange Shawls and Scarves, Black and Coloured Silk, &c. &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878. fe19

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

On a Date hereafter to be named.

The British Barque "ALPHINGTON," of 326 Tons Register, or of about 8,000 pounds Carrying Capacity, with all her TACKLE, APPAREL and INVENTORY.

The Vessel was Built under Lloyds special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in 1856, Classed 12 years A 1 at Lloyds and continued in 1868 A 1 for 8 years. She was Remodelled over Felt in London in July, 1876.

TERMS.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, the remainder upon Transfer being effected. The Vessel is at Purchaser's risk immediately after fall of hammer.

Hongkong, January 23, 1878.

### Intimations.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.

J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.

SAMUEL BORROWE, Secretary.

A. A. BAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

### PRINCIPAL OFFICE,

120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets.....\$31,700,000

Surplus.....\$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars, apply to

OLYMPIANT & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

### THE HONGKONG HOTEL

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,

### LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 16, 1877.

### C.O.A.L.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to BATTLES & CO.

Hongkong, December 5, 1877.



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### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

### GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

### WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

### NEWS AGENTS.

### AUCTIONEERS.

### Agents for

### THE LONDON AND CHINA EXPRESS.

### THE OVERLAND MAIL.

### THE HOME NEWS.

### General Commission Agents.

Commissions and Orders from the Coast and Out-ports attended to with care and promptness.

Hongkong, February 9, 1878.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 3% or

32.25 per SHARE, declared by the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This day, will be Payable at 2 p.m., (instead of as previously advertised), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1877; and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 26, 1878.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on MONDAY, the 18th February next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1877, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Manager,

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th February next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Manager,

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1878,

is posted at the SUPREME COURT, Hongkong, for inspection.

Notice of any Inaccuracies, Omissions, Objections, &c., must be given to the Registrar of the Supreme Court on or before FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1878, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. II of 1864.

It is further notified, that no person

whose name is on the List as a Juror will

be excused from Service on the ground of

any exemption to which he may be entitled,

or on the ground of any want of qualification,

unless such exemption shall have been

claimed and established, or such want of

qualification shall have been duly proved,

at or before the time above specified.

O. B. PLUNKET,

Registrar.

Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

A CARD.

D. R. W. C. EASTLAKE, DENTIST,

**Intimations.**  
CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1865.  
CAPITAL \$800,000, in 6,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH (FULLY PAID UP).

Consulting Committee.  
W. H. FORBES, Esq.,  
F. D. SASQUIN, Esq.,  
F. R. BELLIOS, Esq.,  
Lai Yuk Sun (of Yew Loong Hong).

Manager.  
H. DICKIE, Esq.

General Agents.  
MESSRS JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.  
Bankers.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Solicitor.  
WM. H. BRERETON, Esq.

THIS Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the present Proprietors the PROPERTY, INTEREST, and GOODWILL of the CHINA SUGAR REFINERY at East Point, which for the past five years has been managed under the direction of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., comprising the LAND and BUILDINGS occupied by the Refinery, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, and STOCK-IN-TRADE therein, and of carrying on the business of a Sugar Refinery in all its branches, for which complete facilities are now afforded not only in the Ground and Premises, Plant and Machinery referred to, but in the valuable Business and Connection possessed by the present Owners.

The above-mentioned Premises comprise, firstly, that PIECE or PARCEL of Ground, in Hongkong, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 231, with the MESSAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, known as the Mint Premises; and those adjoining PIECES of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lots No. 470, 471, 515, 524, 558, and 748, with the MESSAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, adjoining the said Marine Lot, portions of the premises occupied by the China Sugar Refinery or belonging thereto, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, ENGINES, BOILERS, VACUUM PANS, FURNITURE, FITTINGS, and APPLIANCES, thereon, now used by the China Sugar Refinery; secondly, that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND in Hongkong aforesaid, with the MESSAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, registered in the Land Office as Section A of Marine Lot No. 52, with the MESSAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, being the remainder of the Premises comprising the said Refinery; and, thirdly, the STOCK-IN-TRADE, EXTRA PLANT, MACHINERY, Goods, and CHATTERS, which are or will be in and about the said Premises and belonging to the Owners on the 28th day of February next. All the described Premises have been agreed to be sold to the Company by contract in writing dated the 22nd day of January, 1878, made between the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION of the first part, Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., of the second part, and the above-named Committee for and on behalf of the Company of the third part; whereby it was agreed that without any further sanction or confirmation of or by the Company or the Shareholders, the Premises firstly and secondly mentioned should be absolutely made over to the Company for the aggregate sum of \$425,000, made up as follows:—For the Premises, firstly mentioned, the sum of \$300,000, to be paid to the first-mentioned party; for the Premises secondly mentioned, the sum of \$125,000, to be paid to the second-mentioned party. And as to the thirdly named Premises, the price payable for the same to the first-named party, to be ascertained by a valuation to be made on the 28th day of February inst., the value thereof being now roughly estimated at \$100,000.

Mr. DICKIE, under whose able management the Works have been placed in their present efficient state, has offered his services to the Company as Manager, which have been accepted. Although it has been in contemplation for some years past to transfer the Property and Business of the present Proprietors to a Public Company, it was not thought prudent to do so until such an experience of the working of the Concern, as has been gained during the last three years, its future success should be assured.

The present Proprietors are prepared to hand over the Property and Business to the Company in a state of complete efficiency on the 1st of March next, and arrangements are being made to commence full work on that date.

The Business of the Company will be conducted by Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., as General Agents, assisted by a Consulting Committee.

It is intended that the whole of the Capital shall be called up as follows:—\$25 per Share on allotment, or with 10 days thereafter.

\$75 per Share on 1st day of March, 1878, or within 10 days thereafter.

All Calls unpaid after these dates shall bear interest at 12 per cent. per annum.

The surplus Capital after payment of the Purchase Money of the Property as above-mentioned, estimated at about \$75,000, will be available for working the Business of the Company.

One half of the Shares have already been subscribed; the remainder are offered to the public. Applications for Shares, which should be in the annexed Form, will be received by the General Agents, up to the 20th day of February, 1878.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1878.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES ABOVE REFERRED TO.

Hongkong, day of 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

To Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Gentlemen,--I hereby request

that you will allot to me Shares in

the above Company, and

agree to

accept such Shares or any less number you

may allot to me, and

agree to

pay the first Call of Dollars Twenty-five per Share, within ten days after allotment, and also the subsequent Call of \$75, and to subscribe to the Articles of Association whenever required to do so.

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ADAM LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 12, 1878.

**Intimations.**

AFONG,  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
by appointment, to  
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;  
and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS  
OF RUSSIA,  
Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB,

HAS on hand the Largest and Best  
collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Es S. S. Tyle, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits only, Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

**ESTATE OF DODD & CO.**

AT the MEETING held on the 12th Instant at Messrs DODD & CO.'s OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS were carried:—

1. That the affairs of the said DODD & CO. shall be Liquidated by arrangement, and not in Bankruptcy.  
2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he is hereby appointed Trustee.  
3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDMUND PYS be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.

ALL PAYMENTS on account of the Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the order of the Undersigned.

F. CHOMLEY,  
Trustee for the Estate of  
DODD & CO.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

**DODD & CO.'S ESTATE.**

FIRST DIVIDEND of TWENTY  
A Per Cent. will be paid at Amoy on the 20th Instant, at the Office of the Agents of the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

DEBTS not Proved before the 15th Instant will be excluded from the Dividend.

FRANCIS CHOMLEY,  
Trustee.

Amoy, 5th Feb., 1878.

**OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.**

A SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSSED from the 2nd to the 8th Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & CO.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

**Notices to Consignees.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.**

THE BRITISH BARK GLOBE,  
FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

**FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.**

THE S. S. GLENROY having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boat delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice be given before Noon To-morrow.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.**

P. & O. S. N. CO.'S S. S. LOMBARDY.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamers HYDASPE from London, and HINDOSTAN from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Cargo not delivered by the 15th Instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 12, 1878.

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.**

BRITISH BARQUE HAWKAWAY,  
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

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RUSSELL & CO.,  
Agents.

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Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

**Notices to Consignees.**

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.**

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.

Ex "Ava."

EG Mr A. Marty, 11 pieces Wood, { from

" " 8 cases Shells, { Saigon.

FP (in diamond) No. 177/8 Order, { from

" 2 cases Hates, { London.

JS (in heart) No. 326/75 Order, { from

" 60 bales Yarn, { London.

OSH No. 1/6 Mr C. S. Haden, { from

" 5 cases Wine, { Marseilles.

EG No. 10 Mr E. Gholiti, { from

" 1 box Music, { Marseilles.

Hongkong, February 13, 1878.

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F. CHOMLEY,  
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DODD & CO.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.**

FOR MANILA.

The British Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

CULLEN, Master, will be despatched for the above Port

SATURDAY, the 16th Instant, at

4 o'clock p.m.

European Passengers require Passports from the Spanish Consulate to enable them

to land in Manila.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 15, 1878.

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.**

FOR SHANGHAI.

The British Steamship

"NINGPO,"

COLAS, Master, will be despatched for the above

Government is more responsible in this matter. The prevention of fires is a matter in which every one in the Colony is concerned, and the poorer he is the larger is the proportion of his personal interest in the matter. I feel that we have not the arrangements, the staff, the personnel, the value of this Colony calls for—for the extinction of fires. I know it will be regarded at this time as almost a superfluity to talk of these things; when things are prospering we like to take them as they are, and let well alone. Some here may think my remarks ill-timed, but I hope I shall be excused for making them. The Colony during the last year has been greatly increasing, and there has been one feature in connection with that disaster of fire, to which I shall be right in calling attention, not only increasing the risk of loss by fire to a great extent, but which is far more important, increasing the risk of loss of life by fire. Fires when they have originated in one class of buildings are readily extinguished, but the more lofty the buildings become, the greater is the difficulty in extinguishing fires and the greater the difficulty experienced by inmates in escaping from them. It is known to you—in fact, some of the property belongs to gentlemen in this room—that during the last twelve months a great increase has been made in the elevation of many Chinese buildings—errections of one story being raised to two, or even three. During the last twelve months the increase in the number of three-storyed buildings would surprise everyone in the room, if the figures were laid before you. The risk of living in those three-storyed buildings is very large compared with that in others. I hope this matter will be taken into account and the Government induced to re-consider their previous decision with regard to the Fire Brigade, and to provide some further means for preventing and extinguishing fires, additional engines if necessary; a very good suggestion was made by Mr Creagh that instead of selling the steam-launch *Blanche*, one of the Government fire engines should be placed upon her, and it would then make a great addition to the fire extinguishing arrangements. The proposal was negative; the *Blanche* was sold, but I do hope the Directors will not cease to make communications with the Government, and that we shall have some further additions to the fire extinguishing apparatus of this Colony. We are very much behind our American friends in this matter. They have the telegraph, and the introduction of a system of that kind here would not amount to the value of a single Chinese ship. You will all remember the account which was published in the newspapers some two years ago of the elaborate system of telegraphic fire signals established in San Francisco. I do hope that something will occur to draw the attention of the Government to the subject here.

Mr BYRNE: I hope we shan't have a fire.

Mr SHARP: I do not think it is necessary to make any resolution on the subject, but I think perhaps that the duty in connection with the one passed at our last meeting has perhaps hardly yet been performed.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it is almost a pity that the very admirable remarks that Mr Sharp has addressed to you could not have been brought forward in some other place than this. Although we may all agree with him in those remarks, I think it is hardly within the province of this Company to take any further steps in the matter. With reference to the three-storyed houses I believe the Government has imported some fire escape to take people out of such buildings in case of fire, and I hope we shall not hear of much loss of life in such dwellings. That is all the business. The dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

The proceedings then terminated.

#### RACING RHYMES.

FROM THE COURSE AND SWEEPS. Oh! miserable Bones, your tips are wrong. Where's Deception's name in the Wong-wei-chong?

"Daybreak" found you asleep, they say: For Temptation went well the other day. In the Sweeps of last night you'll see He the favorite was made to be. Why, then, such an outrageous tip? Had the demi-verse touched your lip?

Black Satin the Ashley might win; But in the Derby you have not put in "Cockchafer," first of Griffins here; Behind whom Prince may follow near.

For the Foochow Cup "Egmont" you name, But to leave out "Sylla" is a shame, Whilst "Suavita" is not yet beaten. And every day his chow has eaten.

"Black Velvet" for the Valley is your lance; But "Cookroach" tried by "Doctor" has a chance—

"Gun Cotton," if not burst up, may beat; A pity "Ariel's" owner can't keep his seat.

The Irish gunner in the Slasher's Cup Ought to bring the "Scamp" well up, Unless again the moko takes charge of him, In which case "Finsco" will surely win.

For the Canton Cup your tip may fail, Though Mr Paul paid well for "Allendale," But should White Velvet not be sent, A "pot of jam" may settle this event.

I think I have shown Bones' tips are wrong, So for the public's weal I continue on. To-night at the Sweeps those who wish to

Should follow the advice I have given herein.

Don't put your faith in a bag of "Bones," Or else you may be in need of loans. If so, apply to the owner of Blasher, T whom a dollar or two makes no matter.

For the Scurvy don't back "Russian" or "Turk." If they lick the "Prince" he must shirk his work.

For the German Cup "Egmont's" the tip Unless "Black Satin" gives him the slip.

Again the Navy plate comes round; And if "Cookchafer" be but sound The Green and Gold will secure it again; Though White Velvet's owner feels much pain.

For the Bankers' plate "Temptation" or "Sand" But "Black Satin" wins if the course be mud.

"Black Velvet" in the Broker's Cup Will want much beating, ere he gives up.

The Town Plate is a very open race "The Doctor" and Egmont ought to get a place.

The penalties accumulate, so I really cannot tell.

Who the starters may be, until I hear the bidding bell.

BLACK SATIN.

#### SUPREME COURT IN ADMIRALTY. (Before Mr. Justice SNOWDEN.)

Feb. 15, 1878.

IN RE THE CARGO EX S. S. "JAPAN,"  
THIS WAS A CLAIM FOR SALVAGE ON CERTAIN  
TREASURE RECOVERED FROM THE WRECK OF THE  
P. M. S. S. Japan.

The Queen's Advocate, the Hon. G. Phillipps, instructed by Mr. A. B. Johnson, proctor, appeared for the promovants, Messrs. Battell & Co., and others.

Mr. Hayllar, Q. C., instructed by Mr. Boraston, appeared for the impugnants, the China Traders' Insurance Company, and other local Insurance Companies interested in the insurance of the steamer.

The facts of the case as set forth in the

promovants' petition are as follows: It appears that the P. M. S. S. Japan was

burnt at sea on the night of the 17th December 1874, while on the voyage from San Francisco to Hongkong.

She was then abandoned by her officers and crew while she was on fire, in the neighbourhood of Breaker Point, with \$365,000 in treasure, and quicksilver worth about \$40,000, besides some gold and gold dust. When the news of the disaster reached Hongkong, Mr. Battles conceived the idea of fitting out an expedition to find the wreck and save the treasure and cargo. He made overtures to Captain C. P. Holcomb, of the schooner *Scotland*, who placed the vessel at the disposal of the expedition, and that he was to be employed to carry on the salvage operations. Captain Holcomb and Mr. J. H. Smith replied to this claiming possession of the wreck, that they had been employed to carry on the salvage operations. Captain Holcomb and Mr. G. B. Emory, of the tug *Little Orphan*, came with Capt. Templar and the divers. He gave Capt. Holcomb a letter stating that he had been employed to carry on the salvage operations. Captain Holcomb and Mr. J. H. 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RUSSELL & Co., Agents,  
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NOTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLE;

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 21st February,  
1878, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. *YANGTSE*, Commandant RAPATEL,  
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPEECH,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for  
the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.,  
on the 20th February, 1878. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,  
Agent,  
Hongkong, February 9, 1878. feb1

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Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,  
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean  
Ports, Southampton,  
and London,  
Also,  
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and  
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
*INDIA*, Captain S. D. SHELLARD, will leave  
this on THURSDAY, the 28th February,  
at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London, will  
be conveyed in *INDIA* without tranship-  
ment, arriving one week later than by the  
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be  
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. LIND, Superintendent,  
Hongkong, February 14, 1878. feb28

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PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
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PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
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A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SENGER TICKETS.

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Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent,

Hongkong, February 1, 1878. feb1

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NOTICE.  
M. R. HORATIO GAY JAMES was  
admitted a Partner in our Firm on  
the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.  
M. R. H. F. MEYERINK has been  
admitted a Partner in our Firm  
from This Date.

MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1878. ap2

NOTICE.  
M. R. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY  
was admitted a PARTNER in our  
Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.  
I HAVE This Day established myself at  
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MISSION AGENT, under the Style or  
Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who  
will henceforward conduct the Agency of the  
AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS.  
Hongkong, December 20, 1877.

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this Port as a GENERAL COM-  
MISSION AGENT.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

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ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS,  
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Late Manager of the NOVELTY IRON WORKS,  
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Hongkong, October 1, 1878. oco1

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POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World,  
in accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association. Two Thirds of the Profits  
are distributed annually to Contributors,  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premium contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,  
General Agents,

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant Im-  
surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Act of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to grant  
Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors.

KWOK ACEHONG, Merchant.

PANG YIM, Merchant.

HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.